

REMARKS

Objections

Claims 150, 152, 155, and 157 were objected to because these claims contain figures. It was suggested that the figures be deleted and replaced with reference to the figures.

This suggestion has been adopted. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that these objections be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§112 and 101

Claim 187 was rejected as being indefinite and as not being a proper process claim because claim 187 does not recite any method steps.

Claim 187 has been canceled. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 147-149, 151, 153, 154, 156, 158-166, 185, 186, and 188 are allowed. The Applicants look forward to prompt notice that claims 150, 152, 155, and 157 are also allowed and to prompt consideration of the Applicants' Request for Interference.

The time for responding to the Office Action was set for May 9, 2005. Therefore, it is believed that this response is timely. If this is in error, please treat this response as containing a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period sufficient to permit the filing of this paper and charge any corresponding fees to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

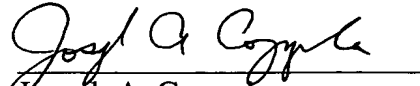
The Applicants hereby make a Conditional Petition for any relief available to correct any defect seen in connection with this filing, or any defect seen to be remaining in this application after this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Kenyon & Kenyon's

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Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for the Petition fee and any other fees required to effect this
Conditional Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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